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106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 710****[Report No. 106–184]**

To authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 1999

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and MS. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 14, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*]**A BILL**

To authorize a feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vicksburg Campaign
5 Trail Battlefields Preservation Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) there are situated along the Vicksburg
4 Campaign Trail in the States of Mississippi, Lou-
5 isiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee the sites of several
6 key Civil War battles;

7 (2) the battlefields along the Vicksburg Cam-
8 paign Trail are collectively of national significance in
9 the history of the Civil War; and

10 (3) the preservation of those battlefields would
11 vitally contribute to the understanding of the herit-
12 age of the United States.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
14 ize a feasibility study to determine what measures should
15 be taken to preserve certain Civil War battlefields along
16 the Vicksburg Campaign Trail.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

18 In this Act:

19 (1) CAMPAIGN TRAIL STATE.—The term “Cam-
20 paign Trail State” means each of the States of Mis-
21 sissippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Tennessee, in-
22 cluding political subdivisions of those States.

23 (2) CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELD.—*The term “Civil*
24 *War battlefield” includes the following sites (includ-*
25 *ing related structures adjacent to or thereon):*

1 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.~~—The term “Civil War
2 battlefield” means the land and interests in
3 land that is the site of a Civil War battlefield,
4 including structures on or adjacent to the land,
5 as generally depicted on the Map.

6 ~~(B) INCLUSIONS.~~—The term “Civil War
7 battlefield” includes—

8 ~~(i)~~ *(A)* the battlefields at Helena and
9 Arkansas Post, Arkansas;

10 ~~(ii)~~ *(B)* Goodrich’s Landing near
11 Transylvania, and sites in and around
12 Lake Providence, East Carroll Parish,
13 Louisiana;

14 ~~(iii)~~ *(C)* the battlefield at Milliken’s
15 Bend, Madison Parish, Louisiana;

16 ~~(iv)~~ *(D)* the route of Grant’s march
17 through Louisiana from Milliken’s Bend to
18 Hard Times, Madison and Tensas Par-
19 ishes, Louisiana;

20 ~~(v)~~ *(E)* the Winter Quarters at Tensas
21 Parish, Louisiana;

22 ~~(vi)~~ *(F)* Grant’s landing site at
23 Bruinsburg, and the route of Grant’s
24 march from Bruinsburg to Vicksburg, Clai-

1 borne, Hinds, and Warren Counties, Mis-
 2 sissippi;

3 ~~(vii)~~ (G) the battlefield at Port Gibson
 4 (including Shaifer House, Bethel Church,
 5 and the ruins of Windsor), Claiborne
 6 County, Mississippi;

7 ~~(viii)~~ (H) the battlefield at Grand
 8 Gulf, Claiborne County, Mississippi;

9 ~~(ix)~~ (I) the battlefield at Raymond
 10 (including Waverly, (the Peyton House)),
 11 Hinds County, Mississippi;

12 ~~(x)~~ (J) the battlefield at Jackson,
 13 Hinds County, Mississippi;

14 ~~(xi)~~ (K) the Union siege lines around
 15 Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi;

16 ~~(xii)~~ (L) the battlefield at Champion
 17 Hill (including Coker House), Hinds Coun-
 18 ty, Mississippi;

19 ~~(xiii)~~ (M) the battlefield at Big Black
 20 River Bridge, Hinds and Warren Counties,
 21 Mississippi;

22 ~~(xiv)~~ (N) the Union fortifications at
 23 Haynes Bluff, Confederate fortifications at
 24 Snyder's Bluff, and remnants of Federal
 25 exterior lines, Warren County, Mississippi;

1 ~~(xv)~~ (O) the battlefield at Chickasaw
2 Bayou, Warren County, Mississippi;

3 ~~(xvi)~~ (P) Pemberton's Headquarters
4 at Warren County, Mississippi;

5 ~~(xvii)~~ (Q) the site of actions taken in
6 the Mississippi Delta and Confederate for-
7 tifications near Grenada, Grenada County,
8 Mississippi;

9 ~~(xviii)~~ (R) the site of the start of
10 Greirson's Raid and other related sites,
11 LaGrange, Tennessee; and

12 ~~(xix)~~ (S) any other sites considered
13 appropriate by the Secretary.

14 ~~(3)~~ MAP.—The term "Map" means the map en-
15 titled "Vicksburg Campaign Trail National Battle-
16 fields", numbered _____, and dated _____.

17 ~~(4)~~ (3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary"
18 means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
19 the Director of the National Park Service.

20 **SEC. 4. FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

21 ~~(a)~~ ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Not later than 1 year after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete
23 a feasibility study to determine what measures should be
24 taken to preserve Civil War battlefields along the Vicks-
25 burg Campaign Trail.

1 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 3 years after funds
 2 are made available for this Act, the Secretary shall complete
 3 a feasibility study to determine what measures should be
 4 taken to preserve Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg
 5 Campaign Trail.

6 (b) *COMPONENTS.*—In completing the study, the Sec-
 7 retary shall—

8 ~~(1) enter into contracts with entities to use ad-~~
 9 ~~vanced technology such as remote sensing, river~~
 10 ~~modeling, and flow analysis to determine which~~
 11 ~~property included in the Civil War battlefields~~
 12 ~~should be preserved, restored, managed, maintained,~~
 13 ~~or acquired due to the national historical signifi-~~
 14 ~~cance of the property;~~

15 (1) *review current National Park Service pro-*
 16 *grams, policies and criteria to determine the most ap-*
 17 *propriate means of ensuring the Civil War battlefields*
 18 *and associated natural, cultural, and historical re-*
 19 *sources are preserved;*

20 (2) evaluate options for the establishment of a
 21 management entity for the Civil War battlefields
 22 consisting of a unit of government or a private non-
 23 profit organization that—

24 (A) administers and manages the Civil
 25 War battlefields; and

1 (B) possesses the legal authority to—

2 (i) receive Federal funds and funds
3 from other units of government or other
4 organizations for use in managing the Civil
5 War battlefields;

6 (ii) disburse Federal funds to other
7 units of government or other nonprofit or-
8 ganizations for use in managing the Civil
9 War battlefields;

10 (iii) enter into agreements with the
11 Federal government, State governments, or
12 other units of government and nonprofit
13 organizations; and

14 (iv) acquire land or interests in land
15 by gift or devise, by purchase from a will-
16 ing seller using donated or appropriated
17 funds, or by donation;

18 (3) make recommendations to the Campaign
19 Trail States for the management, preservation, and
20 interpretation of the natural, cultural, and historical
21 resources of the Civil War battlefields;

22 (4) identify appropriate partnerships among
23 Federal, State, and local governments, regional enti-
24 ties, and the private sector, including nonprofit orga-
25 nizations and the organization known as “Friends of

1 the Vicksburg Campaign and Historic Trail”, in fur-
2 therance of the purposes of this Act; and

3 (5) recommend methods of ensuring continued
4 local involvement and participation in the manage-
5 ment, protection, and development of the Civil War
6 battlefields.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
8 of completion of the study under this section, the Sec-
9 retary shall submit a report describing the findings of the
10 study to—

11 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
12 sources of the Senate; and

13 (2) the Committee on Resources of the House
14 of Representatives.

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
16 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act
17 \$1,500,000.

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